

# News & Announcements

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## Erie Board of Trustees Action Items – January 22, 2013

**Board Approves Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Businesses** – During Tuesday night's meeting the Board approved an ordinance imposing a moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing and approval of applications and the licensing, permitting, establishment or operation of any recreational marijuana business. The moratorium applies to any recreational marijuana business that sells, cultivates, manufactures, prepares, packages, purchases, tests, or otherwise provides for or allows for the use of marijuana or marijuana products pursuant to Amendment 64 approved by the voters of the State Of Colorado at the November 6, 2012, General Election. The ordinance which was approved on First Reading and as Emergency by the Board went into effect immediately. The moratorium extends to and through October 1, 2013.

**BACKGROUND:** The Town may only regulate the business establishment facet of Amendment 64. The Town may not regulate or prohibit the individual use or growing as allowed by the Amendment.

Pursuant to Amendment 64, no recreational marijuana businesses in the state of Colorado are able to be licensed or approved prior to October 31, 2013. However, it has become apparent that certain enterprises are exploring the limits of the new legislation with plans for establishments such as marijuana clubs. The moratorium was proposed and adopted in an effort to stop similar activity before it gets a start in Erie. The moratorium will allow for the following:

- Allow the Board of Trustees sufficient time to determine how it ultimately wants to regulate recreational marijuana businesses
- Allow the State to develop regulations and provide answers to the many questions surrounding this issue
- Allow time for a thorough review of the various Code provisions being put into effect by other municipalities to either prohibit or regulate such businesses
- Prohibit anyone from opening a recreational marijuana business in Town that would be beyond the Town's control, regulation or prohibition

**Board Approves the 2013 New Homebuyer's Incentive Program** – Based on the success of the program during the previous two years, the Board approved continuing the New Homebuyer's Incentive package for 2013. Incentives available for purchasers of new and existing homes in Erie include the following:

- 3-Month Family Pass to Erie Community Center\* - (Valued at \$189) Limited to first 100 applicants in 2013.
- Colorado National Membership Discount\* - (Valued at \$2,250) One Free Golf Membership Initiation Fee (\$1500 value) and six months free dues with one year paid in advance (\$750 value) (Associate Membership only)
- Welcome Flight\* - (Value \$99) Free welcome to Erie flight provided by Vector Air. This flight will introduce new Erie residents to the airport and provide an aerial tour of Erie. Limited to first 10 applicants in 2013.
- Ongoing Tree Incentive Program - (Value: \$300) Certificates are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all have been claimed for the calendar year. Please call the Tree Incentive Hotline (303-926-2739) to participate. Find out more about this program [here](#).
- Free Irrigation Audit - (Value: \$110) Available on a first-come, first-served basis until all have been claimed for the calendar year. Residents can call 303-999-3820 extension 217, or register on line at [www.erieco.gov](#)

<http://www.conservationcenter.org> at any time.

- High Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate - (Value: \$50) 80 rebates of \$50 each; good towards the purchase of high efficiency washing machines are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Find out more about this program [here](#).

For more information, please visit the [New Resident Information](#) page on the Town's website.

**Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings** – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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